WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3472

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 19, 1990.

AM INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS, INC., for) a Certificate of Public Convenience) and Necessity to Conduct Charter)
Operations)

Case No. AP-90-11

By application filed February 27, 1990, AM International Express, Inc. (AM International or applicant), a newly-formed Virginia corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District, except transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Applicant would initiate operations in a 25-passenger minibus. AM International submitted a proposed tariff that lists charter rates of \$38 an hour (October through February) and \$40 an hour (March through September). A four-hour minimum would be required. Transfer rates between Washington National Airport and a point in the Metropolitan District would be \$115. The rate charged for transfers between Washington Dulles International Airport and a point in the Metropolitan District would be \$160. One hour of "free" time would be allotted for loading and unloading the vehicle. Time used in excess of the free allotment would be charged at a rate of \$38 an hour or fraction thereof.

AM International submitted a balance sheet as of February 23, 1990, showing total assets in cash of \$15,500. The sole liability of the company is a shareholder loan of \$12,500 with \$3,000 represented by capital stock. For the 10 months ending December 31, 1990, applicant projects \$88,415 in WMATC operating income and \$63,490 in expenses, yielding a projected net income of \$24,925.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and comply with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. Applicant will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the hearing expenses applicant is required to bear pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-90-11 is hereby scheduled to commence Tuesday, April 24, 1990, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.
- 2. That AM International Express, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Wednesday, March 28, 1990, and shall present at hearing an affidavit of publication.
- 3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, April 13, 1990, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's counsel, Jeremy Kahn, Esquire, 1726 M Street, N.W., Suite 702, Washington, DC 20036.
- 4. That AM International Express, Inc., is hereby assessed \$400 pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Friday, April 13, 1990.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director